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The Oakland Magic Circle
meets the first Tuesday of every month except July at
Bjornson Hall, 2258 Macarthur Blvd., Oakland, CA 94602
Doors open at 6:00 pm
DECEMBER 2010

Next Meeting: December 7, 2010
Doors open at 6:00
Business meeting at 7:15
Theme Performance at 7:30
Theme: Magic for Children!

The year is coming to a close and it is now time to elect the new board of directors for 2011. At the November meeting nominations were held and those nominated are listed in the Secretary's report.

There will be a separate attachment you will need to print out as that will be the official ballot. Ballots will be counted at the December meeting and the new board will be announced at that time. If you wish to print out your ballot and mail it to Byron, those ballots must be received no later than Tuesday December 7, 2011. For those who are mailed a newsletter, a ballot is included in your newsletter envelope.

For me, it has been a wonderful 3 years serving as the President of the Oakland Magic Circle. I have been told I brought new life into the club. Our membership has increased, our events became more popular, and we have become the best independent magic club in the bay area. Thank you for letting me serve these past 3 years.

December's meeting theme is Magic For Children! With the winter season moving in like a lion, it was suggested at the last board meeting to have members perform a trick for kids. You are welcome to bring a kid or two to this meeting. Our show will start early so the little ones will not be out too late. Be prepared for some great magic.

We have booked John Carney for our January lecture. Although we are not quite sure yet what he will teach, we do know that Carney embodies the state of his art, combining exceptional skill and creativity with

pure entertainment. Door charge for this event is \$10 for OMC members who have paid their 2011 dues and \$20 for non members.

Our 2011 Installation Banquet and show has also been booked. Our show will feature the winner of the 2010 OMC Inter-Club stage competition, Steve Nelson; The Magic of Chin-Chin; and Christopher Hart. There will be more on that upcoming event to follow in the next newsletter.

See you in December!

Scott

Minutes and Activities of the 5 October Meeting.

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The meeting was called to order by President Scott Alcalay at 7:15 PM. Nominations for the 2011 Board of Directors were held. Nominated were:

President – Mike Della Penna

Vice-President – Mark Tarses

Secretary – Byron Walker

Treasurer – Manya Casto

Historian – Fred Casto

Librarian – David Sament

Sgt at Arms – Dagmar Thiesen

(Nathaniel Segal was also nominated for Historian but when it was discovered that Junior Members are prohibited by the OMC Constitution from holding office, he withdrew, with thanks from the current Board for his enthusiasm).

President Alcalay announced that John Carney has been booked as a lecturer at our January 2011 meeting, with a substantial discount for paid up OMC members. Gary Meyer discussed the Houdini Exhibit currently in New York but coming next year to Los Angeles and later to San Francisco. He also reminded us of

the Disney Magic Show and showed a copy of his new book, with information available at leftinthedark.com. Frank Biafore mentioned that there will be a new book on Playland at the Beach available in the future at Playland not at the Beach. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Show Time!

The theme for the November meeting was to show a magic book and perform an effect from it. Scott Alcalay led off with The Mysterious Release from Prof. Hoffmann's 1890 More Magic. Despite it being a warm evening, our Treasurer had brought her fur muff along, allowing Scott to perform the effect as described by Hoffmann. Fred Casto showed his copy of Impossibilia by John Bannon and performed from it Discrepancy City Prediction. Mike Della Penna liked the same book and performed Play It Straight, Bannon's self-working version of Dai Vernon's Triumph. Mark Tarses demonstrated the Thumb Clip Palm from the Tarbell Course. Nathaniel Segal performed Mathemagic from Magic: The Complete Course by Joshua Jay. Peter Kim demonstrated Melt in Your Mind from Psychological Subtleties Vol. 3 by Banachek. Gary Meyer, working from memory, performed an effect he learned from a book as a youngster, but the effect title, book title and author escaped him. Closing our show was Jack Browne, performing two effects from Much Ado About Something by Karrell Fox, Stabracardabra and The Actual Selected Card in the Balloon.

Byron Walker, Secretary

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

December – Election of 2011 officers, Magic for Children

January 2011 – John Carney Lecture

February 2011 – Installation Banquet & Show

The Magic Cruise Disaster!

Magic Cruise 2010, a David Sandy production left Long Beach harbor on a crisp Southern California day. The passengers included five Oakland Magic Circle members. Dan and Diane Solo, Dagmar Theisen, and Fred and Manya Casto set sail on the luxury ocean liner The Carnival Splendor. Little did those 5

passengers know what was about to become of that fateful journey.

While at sea one of the engines started to smoke and the smoke filled the air. Power was lost, there were no lights and toilets would not flush.

The news media said that the 4,000 plus passengers and crew were sent spam and pop tarts to survive on.

I do not know if it was before or after terror struck, but as our own Dan Solo was strolling along, he slipped and fell on board the ship. He was rushed down to the ship's medical offices and there he lay with major injuries to his spine.

Finally, after the ship was towed into San Diego, an ambulance met Dan and Diane on the docks and they were whisked away to the local hospital.

Dan and Diane and the rest of the passengers are home safe now, but Dan remains in a local hospital in considerable pain. It is likely that surgery will be required. I believe I can speak for the entire OMC membership we wish Dan a speedy recovery.

If you want to drop a card, please call Byron Walker or Manya Casto for the mailing address or bring a card to the December meeting and Byron will forward it to him.

To find out more about the Magic Cruise adventure, talk to Dagmar, Manya or Fred at the next meeting

All news for the newsletter is due by the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

Please send submissions to either scott@scottalcalay.com or byron.walker@comcast.net